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1. The following factories are components of the leather industry managed by the Sostanj leather concern:

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| a. | Tovarna Usnja* | Sostanj       |
| b. | Tovarna Usnja  | Slovenjgradec |
| c. | Tovarna Usnja  | I - Recica    |
| d. | Tovarna Usnja  | II - Recica   |

2. Chief Director of the Sostanj Factory is Andrej Cegnar.

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From June 1948 to March 1950 Cegnar was Director of the Kamnik Leather Factory, from whence he was transferred to Sostanj.

3. Secretary at Sostanj is Franc Arzenssek.

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The Sostanj factory employs 785 workers, 378 of whom have been given the title of "udarnik" (first class worker). Within the Sostanj factory management there is a military section headed by a Captain Borislav Mericic who is responsible for the inspection of army merchandise.

4. The Slovenjgradec leather factory employs 412 workers, 198 of whom have been given the title of "udarnik", while Recica I factory employs 156 workers, including 44 udarnik workers, and Recica II employs 95 workers, including 29 udarnik workers.

5. The Sostanj and Slovenjgradec factories produce soles for leather shoes. Recica I and Recica II produce respectively shoe leather and suede, and rawhide. The whole combine of these leather factories manufactures for the Yugoslav Army a monthly average of two carloads of soles, one carload of the upper parts of military shoes and one carload of various cavalry equipment such as saddles, harnesses, et cetera. All shoe products are forwarded for manufacture to the military clothing institute in Zagreb, while cavalry articles are shipped to the "Red Star" in Kragujevac.

\* Comment: The term, Tovarna Usnja, means literally "leather factory". 50X1-HUM

Comment: Leather is among those items for which western aid has recently been requested.

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